

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is prepared in accordance with the telephone discussions with the Examiner on 2 May, 5 May and 9 May 2008. Courtesy extended by the Examiner during the telephone discussions is greatly appreciated.

In the telephone discussions, the Examiner suggested that withdrawn claims 12 thru 14 and 18 thru 20 be amended to reflect the novel aspects of the invention. The claims are being so amended.

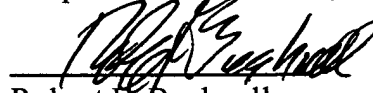
That is, claims 1 thru 11, 13, 14, 19 and 20 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 12 and 18 are being amended, and thus, claims 12, 15, 16, 18 and 20 are pending in the application, and it is requested that the Examiner consider all pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that, for the same reason that the Examiner has indicated that claims 15, 16 and 21 are in condition for allowance, all remaining claims 1 thru 4, 7 thru 13, 18 and 19 are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Supplemental Amendment.

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